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Environmental Summit EJ Workgroup Meeting
1214 Vernon (Dona Park)
Thursday, March 15, 2012
6:30 p.m.

Present: Refinery Row residents
Elvia Aguilar
EPA (via conference call)
TCEQ

Absent: City of Corpus Christi
Industry

- Daniel Lucio gave a presentation on the coal expansion and production (Daniel emailed the Port's presentation to this list group late last week).

This tremendous coal expansion that includes building two additional bulk terminals to handle this expansion will obviously have a negative impact on EJ communities. Residents voiced concern saying that they are constantly having to deal with pet coke dust in their homes and property. How are they supposed to live with the coal expansion of that magnitude?

Susan Clewis said she would look at the Port's existing permits and share with the group, as well as review any plans submitted for La Quinta expansion involving emissions. Susan also raised another consideration: possible emissions from fuel (type, not known at this time) from the international ships coming into our harbor.

- Suzie gave an update on the upcoming IWG meeting (April 19th).

So far, concerns raised to IWG during conference calls include EJ communities and the need to create a buffer-zone; the Port's coal expansion; HUD sponsoring housing in Refinery Row; Harbor Bridge and recent Hydrofluoric Acid release by Citgo. By next week's call, the IWG will have additional concerns.

Israel announced that he has confirmed the location for the IWG meeting.

Suzie said several federal agencies have been participating on the calls. However, we learned last week that the Army Corp of Engineers told EPA HQ that they didn't see that we have any issues that might involve them. Susan Clewis stated that dredging the ship channel for future bulk terminals falls into their the Army Corp of Engineers Jurisdiction.

Since the IWG meeting is next month, we agreed to skip our April meeting. Our next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, May 24.